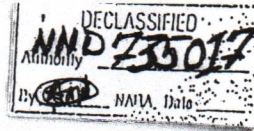


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MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LETTERS.MILLER (R-1536) - RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN; R-170336 - R-178336 - R-176300.

b. Defensive Organization - By entrenchments at HATTEN (R-1733) from R-179332 along road 100 yds to N and at church center of town. By dug in at R-178331. 12 ey dressed in white occupy pillbox at R-185326. Ey in pillbox at R-191319.

c. Units in contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey resisted fiercely our attack on HATTEN and RITTERS-HOFFEN holding stubbornly to a strong point centered around the church in RITTERS-HOFFEN. House to house fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN at close of period. Two strong ey counterattacks with Inf supported by tks, SP guns, flame throwing tks launched from HATTEN toward RITTERSHOFFEN late in period repulsed.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor - Estimated 30 ey tks active in the RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN area. Undetermined number of flame-throwing tanks used in counterattack on RITTERSHOFFEN. 14 ey tks destroyed with 3 more probables.

(2) Artillery - Moderate mixed caliber -- 88mm, 105mm, 150mm -- fell in RITTERSHOFFEN throughout the day. Intense concentrations supported ey counter-attack in evening. KUHLENDORF (R-1335), NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-1233) received from 10 to 40 rounds of estimated 105mm and 150mm during morning and early afternoon. 54 rounds of medium arty fell N of LEIFERS.MILLER (R-1536) at 1655A.

(3) Aviation - Ey aircraft active during day. At 1230A three jet-propelled planes dropped 3 bombs in NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-1233). 1245A CCB positions and CP strafed by approximately 6 planes. 1245A and 1315A jet-propelled planes over SURBOURG (R-0834). No hostile act committed. 1350A bomb dropped 100 yds from CCA CP. 1340A and 1615A NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-120332) strafed by ey plane. 1420A and 1605A SURBOURG strafed by ey plane. 1605A bomb fell vic R-010341. 1705A two bombs dropped in SCHWABWILLER (R-102334).

(4) Infantry. Continued stiff resistance in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. Ey employing SA, MG, mortar, SP, AG, and A1 fire using individual buildings as strong points. In the HATTEN area ey using bazookas to shoot holes in buildings

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and then using flame throwers. By resisted strongly from well dug in positions NW and SE of HATTEN. A strong counterattack at 2130A in RITTERSHOFFEN from HATTEN with inf, tks, flame throwing tks, and inf armed with flame throwers mounted on tanks supported by intense arty concentration succeeded in advancing to a point 100 yds W of the church. Counterattack was stopped with heavy losses to the enemy.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs during period ----- 4  
Total PWs to date ----- 1017

b. Weather - 15 Jan 45 - No precipitation, clear sky. Visibility 0 - 1 mile at dawn improving gradually to 2 - 3 miles in thick haze. Easterly wind 8 MPH. Continued cold. Min. temp. 20 degrees F.

16 Jan 45 - High clouds throughout day, no precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile due to hazed and fog, improving to 4 - 5 miles after 1100A. Wind easterly 10 MPH. Min. temp. 16 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 13 dated 13 Jan 45.

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Division Interrogation Report for Period 122400A to 132400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>BN</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
a. New Identifications:		
b. Old Identifications:		
2	7/125 Pz Gren Regt, 21 Pz Div	62 AIB RITTERSHOFFEN
1	1/119 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div	62 AIB RITTERSHOFFEN
1	1/192 Pz Gren Regt, 21 Pz Div	62 AIB KUHLENDORF
Total during period		4
Total to Date		1017

2. Unit.

1/119 Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div - PW captured at RITTERSHOFFEN. Strength of 1st Co about 70 men. Bn organized in 4 Cos, previously 5 Cos. Hvy weapons Co armed with 120mm mortars. Co first committed at BITCHE between 8-23 Dec 44. Losses fairly heavy. Co reinforced by about 40-50 men at Windsberg (8568). From Windsberg, Co moved against HATTEN where it was committed about 8 Jan 45. Bn and Regt Or believed at HATTEN. On 11 Jan, Co moved out to attack RITTERSHOFFEN at 0300. The entire 1st Bn participated in the attack. PW knew of units of the 35 Regt on their left flank. 1st Bn moved across country on south side of road connecting HATTEN with RITTERSHOFFEN. 1st Co fought its way into town and was stopped near church. PW and approx 20 men were cut off during an assault around same church.

7/125 Pz Gren Regt, 21 Pz Div - Strength of 7th Co, about 60 men. 5th Co was combined with 7th Co, after both had suffered heavy losses. 2nd Bn was supported by about 20 assault guns. These guns were deployed in terrain outside of RITTERSHOFFEN. 2nd Bn attacked town from north on 11 Jan and advanced to vic of church, but were forced to withdraw. The Cos which attacked were 6, 7, 8 and 40 Engrs, each Co about 60 men strong.

1/192 Pz Gren Regt, 21 Pz Div - 1st Co strength, 70 men, as of 11 Jan 45, about 30 casualties between Jan 5 and 11. PW joined 192 Regt on 6 Jan at KUHLENDORF where he was assigned to 1st Co. Co was digging in vic KUHLENDORF night of 12 - 13 Jan 45. In the morning, PW who remained near trench, found out that Co had withdrawn without him. He surrendered to our tanks to which he advanced believing they were friendly units.

3. Personalities:

CO 21 Pz Div	Genmaj Feuchtinger
CO 125 Regt	Lt Col Luck
CO 7th Co	Oberfahnrich Leyer
CO 1st Bn, 25 Pz Div	Capt Bauer



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4. Miscellaneous:

PW reported that during night of 10-11 Jan 45, artillery barrage of heavy caliber guns on HATTEN had about 40% duds.

The heavy caliber shells which were aimed at Maginot bunkers near Bitche had about 20% duds, but nearly all of them exploded if a direct hit on a bunker was scored. Some shells had defective fuses according to PW, because he noticed that large flames came out but no explosion took place.

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MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN.

b. Defensive Organization - Enemy strong point with 2 gun emplacements vic cemetery 161337. Enemy believed digging in vic R-185326 to R-195325. Enemy dug in along high ground N of RITTERSHOFFEN.

c. Units in Contact - Elements of the 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz GR Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy defended strongly throughout period with SA, MG, mortar, tank, assault gun and much arty fire.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Anti Aircraft Arty - Enemy 20mm gun reported vic R-159341.

(2) Armor - Two enemy tanks reported dug in S side of RITTERSHOFFEN. Four tanks observed in RITTERSHOFFEN--3 Mk IV, 1 Mk VI. Ren reported at 1700A unknown number of enemy tanks at R-175330 fired 3 rounds vic R-181318 and withdrew to the E. 2 enemy tanks reported destroyed.

(3) Artillery - Enemy artillery very active. Estimated 1500 to 2000 rounds of arty--105mm, 130mm, 150mm--fell in the KUHLENDORF (R-1335), RITTERSHOFFEN, LEITERSWILLER area between 0700A - 1900A. Medium arty fire fell 400 yards E of HONWILLER (R-1236) at 1345A.

(4) Infantry - Our advance NW of RITTERSHOFFEN and in the town of RITTERSHOFFEN was resisted by a considerable amount of SA, MG and mortar fire. Fierce house to house fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN throughout the period. Enemy mortars were reported at R-175345 behind pillbox. AF gun at R-158342 destroyed by our troops.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs to date ---- 1013

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b. Weather - 13 Jan - Scattered to broken low clouds. Visibility 1 - 2 miles during morning improving to 3 - 5 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature nine degrees F.

14 Jan - Clear, no precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile, improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1100A but lowering to 1/2 - 1 mile after 1800A. Wind E 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 11 degrees F.

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Continue defense of present positions.

b. Counterattack with elements of four Pz Gr Regts plus 50 Tks supported by a Regt of Arty in order to eliminate any penetration we might make into his line.

c. Withdraw to positions in the MAGNOT Line.

d. Attack along WISSEMBOURG - SOULTZ axis with uncommitted elements of the 245th Inf Div and 21 Pz Div.

e. Capabilities a and b are equally favored.

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No 15

MAPS: CGCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along RITTERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN; R-176340 - R-176336.

b. Defensive Organization - Estimated by inf bn well dug-in N bank river between bridges at R-179349 and R-189348. Pillbox at R-185327 manned. By using buildings in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN as individual strong points especially around the churches in both towns.

c. Units in contact - New identification: 1st Co 20th Parachute Regiment; Elements 1152 GHQ Arty Bn.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - By stubbornly continued to resist our attempts to take RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN with intense SA, mortar, sniper, MG, AG, SP, arty fire supported by tks and flame throwers.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor - By armor continued active. Counterattack at 1430A supported by unknown number of tks and 5 or more tks supported counterattack at 2145A. During afternoon 3 ey tks observed moving from cemetery in RITTERSHOFFEN to woods SE of town. At 2400A 7 ey tks observed moving NE from RITTERSHOFFEN. 1 flame throwing tank knocked out in RITTERSHOFFEN at 0840A.

(2) Artillery - By arty varying in intensity fell in RITTERSHOFFEN throughout the day. 5 - 7 rds light arty fell in KUHLENDORF (R-1335) at 1045A with 10 rounds of estimated 105 falling just E of KUHLENDORF at 1615A. Our forward elements vic HATTEN received harassing fires during period.

(3) Aviation - By air active throughout Division zone. One ME 262 flew over Div CP going SW at 500 feet at 0840A. At 0950A, 11 bombs dropped NE part of RITTERSHOFFEN followed by strafing. Ey plane dropped a bomb over SURBOURG at 0930A. At 0930A one ME 262 bombed and strafed WALBOURG (R-0331); strafed RHEIN-SHEIM (R-0433) -- WALBOURG road E from GUNSTETT to woods. Ey plane or planes dropped 2 or 3 fragmentation bombs over SURBOURG at 1140A; 1159A one more bomb dropped. A dirigible was observed over NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-1333) heading W altitude 1000 feet at 1800A.

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(4) Infantry - Ey remained very sensitive to our advances in RITTERSHOFFEN--HATTEN area. Stiff house to house fighting continues with ey using mortar, SA, sniper, "burp" gun, MG, AT and SP fire to stem our advances. Two counterattacks, with Inf supported by tks and Arty, launched against our positions -- one in RITTERSHOFFEN at 1415A and one in HATTEN at 2210A -- repulsed. Ey dug-in mortar reported at R-171348 and 2 AT guns at R-158342.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:


a. Total PIs during period -- 2  
 Total PIs to date -- 1019

(3) VA (See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 16 Jan 45 - Increasing high and low cloudiness during day. Light rain or snow by evening. Visibility 0 - 1 mile at dawn improving to 2 - 3 miles by 1200A. Wind NW 12 m.p.h. Warmer. Minimum temperature 32 degrees F.

(3) 17 Jan 45 - Overcast with light rain in morning, clearing in afternoon. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn, improving to 6 - 8 miles in afternoon. Wind N, 10 m.p.h. Cooler at night. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 13 dated 13 Jan 45.

  
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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 15

Division Interrogation Report for Period 132400A to 142400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>EN</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE</u>
a. New Identifications:		
b. Old Identifications:		
2	2/192 Pz Gren, 21 Pz Div	68 AIB vic HATTEN
Total during period	2	
Total to date	1019	

2. Unit.

2/192 Pz Gren, 21 Pz Div - The 2nd Co of the 192nd Pz Gren Regt is the former Replacement and Training Bn 115. The Bn was located in DAIESTADT from where it moved to PIRMASSEN on the 28th Oct 44, after having received four weeks of training. At PIRMASSEN, 115th Bn received further training and was moved into bunkers of Siegfried line in vic VIMNINGEN (8662) on 4 Dec 44. On 4 Jan 45, Bn was committed near RITCHE where it suffered heavy casualties. On the 9th of Jan, unit was taken out of line and sent to BARNSTEIN (8344) from where it left for STUNDWILLER on the 11th of Jan 45. At STUNDWILLER, the 115th Bn was made the 2nd Co of the 192 Pz Gren Regt; its strength was 100 men. The Co moved to HATTEN on 12 Jan 45 from where it went into position vic of RITTERSHOFFEN about 1 mile NE of town. At about 2400 Jan 12-13, Co was digging in. In the morning of 13 Jan 45, PWs observed an abandoned US tank about 100 yds in front of positions. They went to it and started it. The tank was in perfect shape. 5 US tanks approached and opened fire, whereupon the two PWs surrendered.

3. Personalities:

2/192 Pz Gren CO Oberlt Schmidt

4. Miscellaneous:

On 12 Jan 45, at 2200, PWs observed a unit of paratroopers, about Co strength, moving toward RITTERSHOFFEN. These paratroopers stayed before RITTERSHOFFEN until about 0500 13 Jan when they were committed in town. PW believes that they were supposed to relieve 1st Co of 192d Pz Gren Regt. No further identifications made.



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PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 7014, 7114, 7115, 7214, XXAVIII - 13 (1 & 2)

Map Sheet 7014.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 26953501 Two light SP guns.
2. 27103575 Three SP guns.

Map Sheet 7114.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 27702760 The six light AA batteries formerly surrounding the bridge at this point are now all unoccupied.
2. 30152690 & 30802670 The two 4-gun railway AA btys, previously reported at these M.R.s, have been moved.
3. 27002790 This 2-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

1. 28802310 - 28052220 Communication trench running along road.
2. 28952320 - 29102290 Communication trench in woods.
3. 30302718 & 30422762 Pillbox at each M.R.
4. 28692838 - 28952919 Communication trench along road in woods.
5. 27602242 - 27952250 Communication trench.
6. 27002405 - 25702220 Communication trench connecting pillboxes along E side of RHINE River.
7. + 28913010, 28612980, 28752980 & 28702919 Pillbox at each M.R.
8. + 28802958 Casemate.
9. + 28982265 Shelter.
10. 27352540 - 27652695 Communication trenches connecting pillboxes along eastern side of RHINE River.
11. + 29102375 Shelter.
12. 29902395 - 29702344 - 29152365 Communication trench extension along East side of canal and through woods to the NW.

C. OBSTACLES.

- 21352410 - 22352382 A/Tk ditch.

+ Confirms purple information on Defense Overprints.

Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

1. 37052395 - 37552440 Trenches and weapon pits under construction between these M.R.s.
2. 33742984 - 33452900 - 33942828 Communication trench W and SW of RASTATT.



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## B. OBSTACLES.

1. 35552245 & 35912330 Roadblocks consisting of walls extending from each side of road, leaving a gap of 12'.

Map Sheet 7214.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

1. 24471840 Shelter.
2. 24401845 Pillbox.
3. 25091931 Shelter.
4. 25271918 Three shelters.
5. 25501920 Three shelters; (Confirms purple information on Defense Overprint.
6. 25051985 - 24802010 Fire trench extended.
7. 26952093, 27102090 & 27032086 Pillbox at each N.E.
8. 26952093 - 27102090 - 26402050 Communication trench.

Map Sheet XLVIII - 13 - 1 & 2.

### A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 90925091 6-gun medium PA battery.

ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

Map Sheet 711A.

1. 26302806 Rt overpass over road demolished. 30' blown gap.
2. 23602335 Road bridge damaged. There is a place 40' long damaged but one lane appears to be open for traffic.
3. 21052525 Rt overpass over road demolished. 20' blown gap.
4. 20152340 Road bridge demolished. Two blown gaps 60' and 25'.
5. 20082530 Rt overpass over road demolished. 20' blown gap.

ANNEX "C" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 15

STRENGTH ANALYSIS OF A PG REGTS INVOLVED IN PRESENT  
FIGHTING AROUND RATTEN AND RITTERS HOFFEN

25 PG DIV.

35 PGR

- I Bn Involved in attacks on HATTEN Jan 9 where it had severe losses. Only 3 Cos have been identified after the attacks on RITTERSHOFEN on Jan 9. They were down to 20 men each. PWs from these Cos know nothing about 4th Co. Strength at present estimated at not more than 150.
- II Bn Not contacted. Last identified 5 Dec vic Q-6339.
- III Bn " " " " " " " "

Note: It is not certain whether both 2nd and 3rd are existing. JES CO



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119 PGR

I Bn PW claims Bn was in 119 Pz Brig before becoming part of 119 PGR. 119 Pz Brig claimed by PW to have been committed in HOLLAND was not otherwise identified. PW might have meant 107 Pz Brig. Bn was not identified by PWs until Jan 12, but PWs claim that 1st Co was involved in attack on HATTEN Jan 9.

1st and 2nd Cos located in RITTERSHOFFEN Jan 12.  
 Est strength 80 men ea.

II Bn Nothing known about other companies. PW claims that there is a fifth heavy Co with 120mm mortars.  
 Bn may have 350-400 men.

II Bn Involved with 1st Bn 35 PGR in Jan 9 attacks on HATTEN and suffered heavy losses. PW of 7th Co states 5th Co is heavy with 6-120mm guns and 4-120mm mortars which would argue against 1st Bn having 5 Cos. Bn probably has no more than 200 men.

III Bn One PW from 11th Co was taken on Jan 10 at RITTERSHOFFEN. It has not been established, however, whether this is part of a third Bn.

21 PZ DIV. Received 2 Cos reinforcements from BG OTTERBACH (CO Capt SCHREINER) between 20 and 30 Dec. Men might have originally come from 104 Repl Bn.

125 PGR Received 140 replacements from 361 Repl Bn (Wuppertal) on Dec 29 which seem to be largely in 2nd Co.

1 Bn Has been contacted very lightly only. Until Jan 14 it seemed to be in reserve. Only 1 PW had been taken from 3rd Co on Jan 8 near STUNDWILLER when out on patrol. He estimated Co strength at 35 incl 35 replacements received on 20 Dec from 104 Repl Bn. Another PW from Bn reports loss of 8 men in that Co. 1st Bn may be estimated at 350-400 men when committed on/about Jan 14.

2 Bn This Bn was involved in the attacks on ASCHBACH & STUNDWILLER, Jan 7/8 where it had considerable losses. 5th Co lost most of its 85 men whereafter it was combined with 7th Co. 6th Co was down to 9 men. At that time PW strength estimate was 325 for entire Bn which seems to have been strengthened before attack. Bn then took part in fighting in HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area since Jan 11. 2 remaining Cos had 60 men each at start of that battle and were reinforced by Bn Co and two platoons (40 men) Engrs. Bn is estimated at not more than 160 now (excl. Engrs).

192 PGR Received 2 Cos of Air Corps personnel on 2 Jan. They seem to have been, at least in part, the remnants of PG Repl Bn. Bn 119 after it had suffered losses in BITCHE area on Jan 4-9. These remnants (100 men) became 2nd Co, 192nd PGR. Otherwise these two Cos might also be identical with those from BG OTTERBACH.

1 Bn Prior to attack on RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN this Bn was in INGOLSMHEIM, where one PW from 1st Co was captured on patrol on Jan 9. He estimated Co strength at 55, Bn strength at 300. Bn then took part in attack



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on RITTERSHOFFEN -- HATTEN. A PW from 1st Co taken on Jan 12 estimates strength as of 11th at 70 after 30 men loss between Jan 5 and Jan 11. Estimated Bn strength at beginning of battle, 300-350.

2 Bn Involved in attacks on ASCHBACH and STUNDWILLER, Jan 7/8, where both 5th and 7th Cos suffered heavy losses. PWs estimate Bn strength after that attack at 170-250. On Jan 9, Bn was part of second attack on HATTEN where 6th Co lost all but 4 men and 7th Co was completely destroyed. It has not been identified after Jan 9 and it is possible that the Bn has been withdrawn, perhaps to CROETWILLER (R-2137) where its CP has been reported. Its present strength is estimated at less than 100.

SUMMARY

Bns not contacted

2nd Bn 35 PGR, 3rd Bn, 35 PGR, 3rd Bn 119 PGR  
 Existence of neither is certain.

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Bns committed at HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN at full strength.

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1st Bn 119 PGR, 1st Bn 125 PGR, 1st Bn 192

Bns committed at RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN at reduced strength.

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1st Bn 35, 2nd Bn 119 PGR, 2nd Bn 125 PGR

Bns withdrawn due to heavy losses

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2nd Bn 192 PGR.



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MAPS, GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and Northern half of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - By digging in at R-165347 and R-162349.

c. Units in Contact - New identification: 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 20th Parachute Regt, 7th Parachute Division.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - No slackening of enemy pressure as fierce fighting continues in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. At close of period enemy occupied Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and Northern half of HATTEN.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - Armored activity somewhat reduced during period. Counter-attack at 1440A did not have tk support. Tks and flame-throwing tks supported the 0545A counterattack. Some flame-throwing tks in operation in HATTEN at 1210A. Ey tks reported moving N at R-180348 at 1330A. Considerable movement of tracked vehicles heard during the night moving from ASHBACH (R-1837) to STUNDWILLER (R-1936) to BUHL (R-1935). At 2211A ey tracked vehicles moved into RITTERSHOFFEN from direction of HATTEN. 7 tracked vehicles heard moving into HATTEN from the E at 2300A. 1 Mk V and 2 AT guns claimed destroyed.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty slackened in Div Zone in the last 24 hours. KUHLENDORF (R-1335) received harassing light and medium arty fire throughout morning. NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-1333) received 5 rounds est 88mm during period. At 2130A, 6 rounds est 150mm and 170mm fell vic R-123366 at 2130A; 3 rounds, same caliber, fell in HONWILLER (R-1236) same time. At close of period, KUHLENDORF received harassing medium arty fire. Some very large caliber arty has fallen in HATTEN in the last two days. CO of the 48th observed a hit on one house that completely demolished it.

(3) Infantry - Ey Inf employing every type weapon including SA, MG, mortar, SPs, flame-throwers, and tks continued to offer stiff resistance to our advances in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. Ey counterattack in HATTEN at 0545A reported under control at 0630A. Ey Inf assembled vic R-171345, split up into small groups and headed for HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN at 0830A, fired on by our arty.

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Our patrols engaged in a fire-fight with ey at R-15893395 at 0930A. A strong ey counterattack, est bn strength, was launched on HATTEN from the E at 1140A. Counterattack increased pressure despite arty opposition throughout the afternoon; brought under control around 1900A. At close of period both towns quiet. Ey mortars located at R-16303416 and R-17603370.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Total PWs during period - 17  
 Total PWs to date - 1036  
 (See Annex "B")

b. Order of Battle -

(1) 35 PGR (25 PG Div) - According to PW statement at Seventh Army, 35 PGR has only one Bn (First) and this has only 3 companies. Under these circumstances, the total strength of 35 PGR at present is less than 100.

(2) 119 PGR (25 PG Div) - Claims that 1 Bn 119 PGR has absorbed PG Bn 2107 of 107 Pz Bde are further substantiated by the analysis of a paybook and mail of one Gefr. THIELE which were picked up on 15 Jan at HATTEN. The last entry in the paybook is 1st Co, 2107 PG Bn. The mail as early as 24 Oct is addressed to FPN 35768C which is the number for 2nd Co 119 PGR.

(3) 119 PGR (25 PG Div) - PWs state that 1 Bn has been consolidated into one battlegroup due to losses and had only 160 men left on 14 Jan.

c. Weather - 17 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken clouds with widely scattered snow squalls in afternoon. Wind Northwest, 7-12 MPH. Visibility 1 mile before 1000A, improving to 4-5 miles in afternoon. Minimum temperature 23 degrees F.

18 Jan 45 - Low overcast in morning, becoming broken to overcast in afternoon. Moderate intermittent snow throughout period. Visibility 1 mi until 1100A due to fog and snow, improving to 4-5 miles in afternoon, except 1/2 mile in snow. Wind NW 12-16 MPH. Minimum temperature 22 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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 XXXIX - 13 - 1&2; 5&6  
 XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 81596322 This 4-gun light FA battery has been removed.
- 2 71706537 This FA battery position is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 80776232 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet 6816.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 461571 & 461581 Shelters.
- 2 467594 & 466601 Pillbox at each M.R.
- 3 466629 Shelter.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 29265278 Formerly reported battery now appears to be a 4-gun light FA btry.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 23155185 Unoccupied 4-gun heavy AA position.
- 2 19314932 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.

Map Sheet 6915.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 41714789 3-gun light DP battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 415501 3-gun light AA battery.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 430452 & 430453 Pillbox at each M.R.
- 2 409451 - 410455 Communication trench linking previously reported defenses on East bank of RHINE.
- 3 412455 Pillbox. (Confirms info on Defense Overprint)
- 4 41554595 Shelter built into levee.
- 5 414461 Shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)
- 6 417471 Pillbox.
- 7 419475 & 421478 Shelter at each M.R.



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Map Sheet 6915 Cont'd.

**C. FIXED DEFENSES (Cont'd).**

- 8 421474 & 423470 Pillbox at each M.R.
- 9 427498 Shelter.
- 10 328479 Pillbox and shelter.
- 11 327478, 328478 & 328477 Shelter at each M.R.

Map Sheet 7014.

**A. FIELD BATTERIES.**

- 1 26703775 Possible 3 or 4 light FA guns unemplaced.
- 2 26073757 Probable single gun.
- 3 20084208 & 20054232 Light FA gun at each M.R.
- 4 26353725 Three empty emplacements possibly for light SP guns.

**B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.**

- 1 25723745 6-gun heavy AA battery.
- 2 26503780 Two light AA guns.
- 3 28393909 Probable four heavy AA guns.
- 4 31244180 4-gun heavy AA battery and two 3-gun light AA batteries.
- 5 26953761 & 27223755 Three gun light AA battery at each M.R.
- 6 20464240 & 20634373 Three gun light AA battery at each M.R.
- 7 20354396 Two light AA guns.
- 8 20454385 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 9 21433431 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 10 21503432 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet 7015.

**A. FIELD BATTERIES.**

- 1 37423998 This medium gun position is now unoccupied.

**B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.**

- 1 32894260 & 33104125 4-gun heavy AA battery at each M.R.
- 2 32694271, 32804237, 33154279, 33224146, 33004110, 31214112.) 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.

Map Sheet 7114.

**A. FIELD BATTERIES.**

- 1 26742791 Probable single light gun.
- 2 26992749 Single light gun.
- 3 26493315 4-gun light FA battery.

**B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.**

- 1 26393315 & 26593318 Probable two AA/MGs at each M.R.
- 2 27553225 3-gun light AA battery.

**C. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- 1 26703263 Military installation; type and purpose undeterminable.  
 (Consists of 12 emplacements measuring approx 10' square. Six contain square white objects, four have oblong dark objects and two have small dark objects. There is vehicular trackage and activity present.)
- 2 27483251 New bridge.



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Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 337309 Previously reported as five weapon pits now a 4-gun light FA btry.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 304323 Concrete shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)
- 2 335312 Pillbox. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)
- 3 336271 Pillbox.
- 4 340260 - 339252 Trench.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 1044783 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1&2.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 16275006 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 5&6.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 17434623 3-gun medium FA battery.
- 2 16854670 4-gun DP battery.
- 3 16604667 3-gun medium FA battery.
- 4 13994895 3-gun medium FA battery.
- 5 16934743 4-gun light FA battery.
- 6 15384560 Probable 3-gun FA battery.
- 7 14444912 4-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 19154943 4-gun heavy AA battery - probably unoccupied.
- 2 18254230 Four AA/MGs.
- 3 17254870 3-gun light AA battery.
- 4 15354570 Three AA/MGs.
- 5 17464635 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 10151160 Unoccupied 4-gun light FA position.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 151121 Six unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions in clearing at Western bank of RHINE River. These are located very close to each other, with considerable trackage in area.
- 2 14121056, 14301074, 14721130, 15081177, Four unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions to the South of above mentioned positions.
- 3 15321159, 16151185 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each point.
- 4 17451390, 17201385, 17121375, 17201373 Four unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions.
- 5 13751240, 13551300 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each point.



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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 16.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 14 Jan 2400 to 15 Jan 2400:

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

<u>EM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE</u>
<u>a. New Identifications:</u>		
3	2/22 Pz Regt, 21 Pz Div	19 AIB - HATTEN
3	1/20 Para Regt, 7th Para Div	" "
3	Hq Btry, 1152d GHQ Arty Bn	" "
<u>b. Old Identifications:</u>		
4	2/125 Pz Gren Regt, 21st Pz Div	" "
<u>c. Miscellaneous:</u>		
<u>Alsatian Deserters:</u>		
1	2/Pz Rcn Bn, 1st Pz Div	" "
	Last with unit 25 Dec 44 at HUNGARY.	
1	Gren Repl Bn 397	514 CIC - DURRENBACH
	Last with unit 2 Sept 44 at SCHWIEBUS	
1	3/10th School Co, Air Signal School	" "
	Last with unit 24 Nov 44 at METZ	
1	Engr Non-Com School, HANNAU	" "
	Last with unit 24 Nov 44 at HANNAU	
Total during Period - 17		
Total to date - 1036		

2. Units.

1152d GHQ Arty Bn - Unit was active in NORMANDY until 28 Aug 44; subsequently reformed 19 Sept 44 at LENNEPP/REMSCHIED. Unit was in position near DIEDENHOFEN from 15 Nov 44 until 26 Dec 44. Bn again active in BITCHE sector near SCHORBACH. From there Bn moved to NIEDERROEDERN on 11 Jan 45 with mission to fire on HATTEN. PWs were forward observers who directed fire on HATTEN by radio. Former OP on Hill 160 (R-178342).

Organization: Hq Btry (80-100 men), 3 firing Btrys of 3 How 15 cm each, model 1915.

Locations: 1st Btry 218348; 2nd Btry 223343; 3rd Btry 233341; Hq Btry CP 227339. 1152d GHQ Arty Bn vic 242361 (PW believes that this Bn is identically organized as 1152d Bn). 4 guns cal 105mm vic GROETWILLER (214373). 1 How (Russian) vic NIEDERROEDERN (227342).

Probable Locations: 8-88mm and 4-20mm Flak vic 216342.  
 8-88mm and 4-20mm Flak vic 192342.

2/22 Pz Regt, 21 Pz Div - Co was committed near SAARLAUTERN for 3-4 days about 23 Dec 44 as Inf and was then taken out of line. PW and 4 men went then to SIDGELBACH vic KAISERSLAUTERN to receive a tank Mk V. From there went to MEIDENFELS to repair shop to receive new motor for tank. Left there 10 Jan 45 for BERGZABERN where they met 3 more Mk V tks of same unit (2/22). On night of 10 Jan 45 all 4 tks went to HATTEN where they separated vic of church. PW's tank moved in position as security vic 17353391 where it remained until capture 1500 14 Jan 45.



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1/20 Para Regt, 7th Para Div - PWs arrived at unit in Oct and Nov 44 vic VENLO, Holland, stayed there until 16 Dec 44. Then went to CEVELA by KREFELD where unit stayed in rest until 7 Jan 45. 1st Co went with 1st Bn of which it was a part to GAMERSHEIM on 10 Jan 45, then to HATTEN where it arrived on 13 Jan 45. No other Bns of 20th Regt had been in contact with 1st Bn. Firefight started as soon as unit entered town. PWs claimed there was some confusion because of the sudden commitment of units. 1 Plat of 1st Co had 15 rz Faust which were used against buildings. Flamethrowers were also used (probably 2 attached to Co). Strength 100/110 men per Co, 5 plats per Co, 3 sqds per plat. 1 LMG per sqd, 2 Ofenrohre (bazookas) per Co. - Morale of unit very good. Age between 19 - 30 years.

2/125 Pz Gr Regt 21st Pz Div - Repl & Tng Bn 200 WUPPERTHAL, was sent as Marsch Co to bunkers near LEBACH from there on 25 Dec 44 to WIESWILLER where it was made 2nd Co of 125 Pz Gr. On 29 Dec 44 left for OTFILLER where Co regrouped, some men being sent to Inf How Co, some to other Cos. Strength est 100 men. On 3 Jan 45 Co moved on line vic BAERENTHAL. On 6 Jan 45 moved to NIEDERSEEBACH where it attacked a hill without success while suffering severe losses. On 10 Jan 45 moved to HATTEN by way of NIEDERROEDERN. Strength 2 plat per Co. 2nd Co has about 70 - 80 men. 6 - 8 Mds per plat (?).

3. Personalities:

1152d GHq Arty Bn	Bn CO	Capt Artenhoechner
	1st Btry CO	Lt Boettcher
22d Pz Regt	Regt CO	Lt Col Wolff
	2nd Bn CO	Maj v. Gottberg
	2d Co CO	Lt Jocuart
7th Para Div	Div CO	Gen ? Erdmann
	20th Regt CO	Maj Grassmel
	1st Co CO	Capt Gehmlich
21st Pz Div, 125th Regt	Regt CO	Lt Col von Luck
	1st Bn CO	Maj Lier
	2d Co CO	Lt Lietz



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MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) --RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and northern and eastern half of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - Ey entrenchments reinforced with logs at R-178335 to R-177333. Ey Inf dug in at R-172345 and along trail running NE from 165344. Ey strongpoints located at the church and the cemetery in RITTERSHOFFEN. Ey dug in at HATTEN from church to RR tracks.

c. Units in Contact - Elements of the 20th Para Div, 21st Pz Div, and the 25th PG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey continues to resist stubbornly from well defended strong points located in RITTERSHOFFEN. Ey counterattacked HATTEN from the N and NE with Inf and SP guns at 1710A and succeeded in driving our forward elements from the eastern part of the town. During the night intense mortar and Arty with delay fuse fell on our forward positions in HATTEN. Hvy vehicular movement in both directions was heard on the road and ridge N of HATTEN from 2200A to close of period.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - Friendly patrol received fire from ey tks located in woods at 168348 and 169349. Ey armored activity has decreased somewhat. Ey Inf counter-attacked in HATTEN at 1710A from the E and NE, employing SP guns in support; and, after making small gains, was stopped. In the orchard NW of RITTERSHOFFEN at approx 158343 (5) tracked vehicles were heard moving about in the early part of the night.

(2) Artillery - Ey Arty more active than the previous period. Delayed action fuse reported being used in HATTEN, during the night. S. MOENENBOURG (129301) received moderate to intense Arty concentrations during the afternoon. A 20 rd concentration of mortar and Arty fire fell in the town in a one minute period at 1910A. NIEDERBETSCHDORF received harassing fire during the period, one rd every (5) minutes estimated 150mm. Mixed cal arty fire fell on the RR station at R-1603 throughout the period, one rd every 2 to 3 minutes. Interdictory fire fell along the road from R-1630 to R-1929. KUHLENDORF received about (2) rds every (2)

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minutes during the afternoon of estimated 75-105mm.

(3) Aviation - By aircraft bombed and strafed HATTEN around noon and was again active during the afternoon dropping an estimated (9) bombs on HOHWILLER and (1) bomb on KILLENDOERF at 1615A.

(4) Infantry - By Inf continued to resist strongly from strongpoints in RITZSCHOWITZ. By counterattacked strongly at HATTEN at 1710A using SP guns in support and forced our forward elements to withdraw from positions gained the night before. By Inf continued to be very aggressive and alert to any attempt to dislodge him from his positions in RITZSCHOWITZ and HATTEN. By patrol engaged our patrol in fire fight at 181317 at 2345A. 10 men of patrol approached our OP at B-161328 and was fired on. At close of period of activity had quieted down.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

#### a. Order of Battle -

7th Parachute Div - The Div was originally known as the Div "ERDMANN" named for its commander, Gen ERDMANN and consisted of four Regts: LENZEL Regt; GRASKEHL Regt; HADDOG Regt; and HUNNER Regt. This Div was formed in Sept 1944 from various existing units mostly GAF, AA & Repl Bns. The Div was hastily organized at that time and was merely designed to stop the allies at the German border. In spite of the designation "Para Div" there were few men with jump training included. In Oct during the general reorganization of all Para Divs on the Western Front, Par Div ERDMANN was combined with some of a Para Div then forming and renamed the 7th Para Div. How much actual refitting was done at this time is unknown, but it probably was not too much. Apparently the first three Regts received some additional personnel and were then redesignated 19th, 20th & 21st Para Inf Regt. Other divisional elements such as Arty, Engr, etc were added at the same time. The Div retained its sector in the VERNALJ, VERNLO, ROEMUND area.

The present composition is as follows: 19th, 20th, 21st Para Inf Regts, 7 Para Engr Bn, 7 Para AT Bn, 7 Para Arty Regt and probably 7 Para Rcn Co.

At present only the 1st & 2nd Bns of the 20 Para Regt have been identified. PWs state, however, that a 3rd Bn was in existence when he left HOLLAND. T/O strength of a Para Div is 10000 with 6000 Inf effectives. There is at present no reason to believe that 7 Para Div is seriously understrength. It has been on an inactive front for quite awhile. According to PW statements, Co strength is about 100 men. The armament so far seems to be normal Inf armament. 1st 1st and 2nd Bns 20th Regt apparently left HOLLAND on or after Dec 20, but traveled separately. The Div had been carried out of contact by SHAEF for awhile and it is probable that the entire Div may appear here soon. PWs claim that some of the engs with flame throwers are already here.

245th Inf Div - 2 PWs claim that all remaining personnel of 935, 936 & 937 GRs was consolidated in 3 companies which now form 1st Bn 937 GR, located at CIEZBOURG (B-1144). (Comment: 935 & 936 are probably reforming in rear and should be by now ready for commitment.)

b. Weather - 16 Jan - Cloudy throughout day with scattered snow squalls. Visibility 1-2 miles in haze in morning, improving to 3-4 miles in afternoon. Visibility will lower to 1 mile or less in snow squalls. Wind northerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 15 degrees F. 19 Jan - Overcast broken low clouds throughout period with snow showers in first part of period becoming scattered and light after 1200A. Visibility 2-3 miles at dawn, improving rapidly to 8-10 miles except to 2-3 miles in light snow in afternoon. Wind northwesterly 12-14 m.p.h, decreasing to 6-8 m.p.h. after 1400A. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

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c. Total PIs during period - 4  
Total PIs to date - 1040  
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4. ~~SWING CAPABILITY~~ - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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 XXXIX - 15 - 122

Map Sheet 6812:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
050546

Previously reported shelter is believed to be a pillbox.  
 This confirms a ground report.

Map Sheet 6813:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
085561

Possible pillbox camouflaged. Confirms ground report.

Map Sheet 6915:

A. OBSTACLES:  
365468

Roadblock with gap of approx 10'. Ground sources report  
 this roadblock as one built on poles driven into the ground.

Map Sheet 6916:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
550450, 547451 & 552452 Trenches.

Map Sheet 7114:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
272225  
27353305

Pillbox.

This bridge has been repaired and is being used.

Map Sheet 7214:

A. FIELD BATTERIES:  
27101890

4-gun light FA battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSES:  
271209  
271208

MG post.

Communication trench.

Map Sheet 7015:

A. OBSTACLES:  
37004400  
37254455

RR culvert blown. 30' blown gap.

RR culvert blown. 60' blown gap.



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Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 526:

163425 RR bridge over stream demolished. 20' blown gap, 10' wet gap.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 122:

158180 Road bridge demolished. 140' blown gap, 100' wet gap.

ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 17.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 152400A to 162400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

NO	UNIT	UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE
a. New Identifications:		
1	5/II Bn, 20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	19th AIB - HATTEN
b. Old Identifications:		
3	1/I Bn, 20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	19th AIB - HATTEN

2. Units:

5/II Bn, 20 Para Regt - II Bn composed unit on 2 Dec 44 in ARCON, Holland. He was previously with a bombardment squadron which was disbanded due to reform of LUFTWAFFE. (Note: most bomber pilots were given re-schooled as fighter pilots or sent to Air Corps ground forces such as parachute units etc.) He left 10 Dec 44 from ARCON and went through following localities: GEMMEL, LINDENHOF, WESSE, HANNOVER, GOETTINGEN, BRUCHSAL, FREISSBACH, and KILBENHOF where it arrived in night from 12-13 Jan 45. He observed much military activity in NIEDERROEDERN. At 0300 on 14 Jan 45, 5th Co marched toward HATTEN, went around town to the north and advanced toward KILBENHOF via 165342. German tank approached Co and after some discussion between officers, Co returned to NIEDERROEDERN on same route, where it arrived 0800. At 0900 Co left again and moved into woods via 196344 where the remainder of II Bn had also just arrived. At 0200 15 Jan 45, he moved to HATTEN. He noticed tank at 165342, and about 6-7 more spaced at about 100 yd intervals on road leading West. 5th Co went on line in houses via 178345. Co attacked at 0700 (order worded as follows: "A few enemy in some of these houses, clean them out.") Flamethrowers went in action followed by Pz Faust, then Inf attacked. Heavy small arms fire prevented any progress. At 1230 hour, order to withdraw was given. Losses of Co ca. 25-30 men, 1 officer. Strength of Co previous to attack 60 men.

II Bn composed of 4 Cos, the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th; the 5th Co is the heavy weapons Co (w/ps - flame mortars and possibly 120s, quantity not known.) 5th Co has 3 Platoons, each Plat 3 Sqds. Co had 4 men employed as tank destroyers (w/ps: 2 Ofenrohrs, and large quantity of Pz Faust.) 10 men from Para Engr unit were attached to Co (w/ps: 4 flamethrowers, and pole charges).

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1/1 Bn, 20 Para Regt - FW joined Co 15 Aug 44 when it was formed in GERMANY, Germany. On 29 Aug 44 went to HOLLAND, Holland, from there to HOLLAND near HANNOVER. Was committed against British and Canadian units middle of Sept. (All these movements and actions were made by Co as a part of 7th Para Div) 7th Para Div was pushed back behind MAAS River via VENLO. About 15 Nov 44, was in position along MAAS until 28 Dec 44. FW heard of 3 Regts in the area of 3 Bns per Regt but he had no further information on a 3rd Bn in the 20 Regt. 1st Co moved with 1st Bn on 28 Dec 44 over following route: AACHEN near VENLO, GELN, UNTER (7 Jan 45, end of rest period) MUNSTER, HANNOVER, HANNOVER, HANNOVER, via KANISBACH. Detached at NIKHROEDEN, attacked HANNOVER on 14 Jan 45. FW were captured at 0400 14 Jan 45.

FW did not believe that their unit relieved any other Inf unit. They moved past the positions of the Inf during attack.

3. Personalities

2nd Bn, 20 Para Regt

Bn CO

Maj von Kuisenberg

1st Bn, 20 Para Regt

5th Co CO

Lt Romanki

Bn CO

Capt Deyer

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 20 Para Regt. ASC  
 TA

4. Miscellaneous:

During attack by 5th Co, FW noticed that as soon as Non-Coms became casualties, the unit disintegrated. Men finding themselves without a leader simply walked back to rear. In that manner, practically all of Co collected in rear, was then regrouped and sent out again until attack was called off.

Total FWE during Period - 4  
 Total to date - 1040



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MAPS: GSGS 1471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - Co of Inf reported dug-in along road N from HATTEN RR station and along the RR east from the station. Ey strongpoint with Inf dug-in at R-169349. Dug-in ey reported along NS trail at R-183325. Ey tk dug-in at R-166343. (See Annex "C" - Overlay Defensive Organization).

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey determined to hold towns of RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN at all costs. Throughout period ey defended fiercely with Arty, mortar, MG, SA, SP, AG, bazooka and "burp" gun fire supported by tks all attempts to dislodge him from his positions. Two ey counterattacks were launched in HATTEN from the E and SE during the day. Attacks were of Co strength with the SE attack supported by 4-5 tks; both repulsed after bitter fighting.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - Ey armor again active in Div Zone. At 0347A sounds of tks were heard at R-177350. Estimated 5 tracked vehicles heard moving in orchard NW of RITTERSHOFFEN during early morning hours. Counterattack from SE in HATTEN at 1130A supported by 4-5 tks. 3 ey tks covered with white sheets reported at R-170346 at 1210A. White ey tk observed vic strongpoint R-169348. At 1530A 5 ey tks painted with black and white alternating stripes observed moving N at edge of woods vic R-198325. 10 ey tks came out of woods R-197325 and turned N along edge of woods, fired on by arty and 3 knocked out. Total number of ey tks knocked out during day, 6.

(2) Artillery - Ey Arty not very active during period. At 0100A 12 rds of 105mm fell in NIEDERBESCHDORF (R-1333). Battery of 3 to 6 88's reported on hill vic R-170349 firing on HOFFEN (R-1536) at 1200A.

(3) Infantry - Generally no change from previous reports. Stiff, stubborn house-to-house fighting continuing in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. Ey counterattacked HATTEN with estimated Co of Inf at 0730A from the E and again at 1130A from the SE with estimated Co of Inf supported by 4-5 tks. Attacks were repulsed after over-coming strong ey pressure. At 1445 ey laid a smoke screen from R-183347 to R-1671346. One ey wounded captured in partial U.S. uniform--field jacket and steel helmet. At 1045A ey with U.S. half-tracks observed parked vic cemetery at R-179330. Considerable mortar fire fell on ridge NW of RITTERSHOFFEN throughout the morning.

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Camouflaged weapon, type unknown, reported vic R-171348. Troop movements on BUHL (R-1935) and STUNDWILLER (R-1836) roads into HATTEN reported at 1100A. At close of period ey relatively quiet in the RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN area.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Methods - Over Classification of Bridges: Ey is building bridges of light construction and putting hvy tonnage signs on the bridge. When our vehicles try to go over the bridge, they collapse, thus forming a good roadblock. All bridges should be inspected. Check the size of the bridge timbers, as well as the way they are fastened together.  
 (Source: 95th Div G-2 Periodic Rpt No 71, 29 Dec 44; 36th Div G-2 Periodic Rpt No 340, 14 Jan 45)

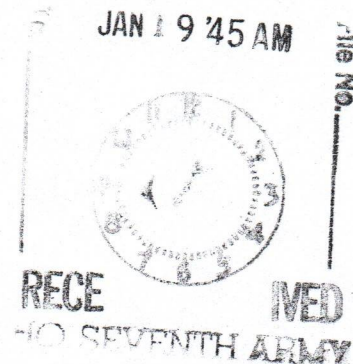
b. Weather - 19 Jan - Overcast broken low clouds throughout period with snow showers in first part of period becoming scattered and light after 1200A. Visibility 2-3 miles at dawn, improving rapidly to 8-10 miles except to 2-3 miles in light snow in afternoon. Wind Northwesterly 12-14 mph, decreasing to 6-8 mph after 1400A. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

c. Total PWs during period - 29  
 Total PWs to date - 1069  
 (See Annex "A")

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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 Annex "A" - IPW Report  
 Annex "B" - PI Report  
 Annex "C" - Overlay - Defensive Organization.





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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 18.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 162400A to 172400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

No.	Unit	Unit and Place of Capture	
a. New Identifications:			
NONE			
b. Old Identifications:			
2	3/125 PGR, 21 Pz Div	19 AIB	HATTEN
2	2/125 Pz Rcn Bn, 25 Pz Div	42 ID	FORSTFELD
2	3/119 PGR, 25 Pz Gren Div	68 AIB	RITTERSHOFFEN
c. Miscellaneous:			
3 PWs no unit given		evac thru med channels	
Alsatian Deserters			
1	Bewehrungseinheit der Waffen SS (SS Polizei) 514 CIC	FORSTHEM	
	Last with unit 18 Oct 44 CLUM/PRAG		
1	2/907 Inf Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 17 July 44 LaSPEZIA, Italy	"	"
1	5/4 Regt, 159 Gr Repl Div		
	Last with unit 11 Aug 44 STRADE, Denmark	"	"
1	Arbeitsdienst 1276		
	Last with unit 20 Sept 44 KOLMAR	"	"
1	7/9 Bn, 35 Inf Div		
	Last with unit 19 July 44 BIALYSTOGG	"	"
1	1/777 Regt		
	Last with unit 23 Oct 44 PRIVIEDZA, Slovakia	"	"
1	Stabs Btry, 256 VG Arty Div		
	Last with unit 27 Nov 44 HAGUENAU	"	"
1	86 Lot Bn, 135 Regt		
	Last with unit Aug 44 NORMANDY	"	"
1	2/5 Pz Engr Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 18 June ULM	"	"
1	3/1 Air Corps Trng Bn		
	Last with unit 17 Sept 44	"	"
1	March Co, 94 Gr Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 15 Nov 44 KOESLIN	"	ESCHBACH
1	Stabs Co, 17 Regt, 31 Inf Div		
	Last with unit 24 Feb 44 ROGASCHEN, Russia	"	"
1	March Co 109 Regt, 35 Inf Div		
	Last with unit 19 June 44 BRESTLITOVSK	"	"
1	40 Arty Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 2 Sept 44 DRESDEN	"	"
1	4 mortar Co, 1 Bn, 522 Regt		
	Last with unit 4 Aug 44 Lithuania	"	"
1	12 Pz Gr Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 8 Nov 44 COBURG		

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1	Stamm Co, 385 Gr Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 18 Aug 44 BOHM-LEIPE	514	CIC ESCHBACH
1	2/18 Pz Repl Bn		
	Last with unit 24 Aug 44 KOENIGSBERG	"	"
1	2/109 Gr Repl Bn, 37 Regt, 135 Inf Div		
	Last with unit 24 Nov 44 STRASSBOURG	"	"
1	4/2 Bn, 21/12 Pz Brig		
	Last with unit 22 Nov 44 ST. DIE	"	"
Total during Period		29	
Total to Date		1069	

## 2. Units.

3/125 PGR, 21 Pz Div - PWs come from Gr Ers und A Bn 90, HAMBURG-WANDSBECK. Left HAMBURG 18 Dec 44 with 130 other replacements. Went to MOENCHWILLER where they joined 21st Pz Div 30 Dec 44. Proceeded to ASCHBACH arriving there 8 Jan 45, were there attached to 2nd Co. In ASCHBACH, PWs estimated casualties from fighting of same morning to be very heavy. They helped clear the streets of dead and wounded. On 9 Jan, PWs joined 3rd Co at OBERSEEBACH. The strength of Co was about 20 men due to heavy losses in ASCHBACH. Replacements gave Co strength of 75 men. Co has 2 Plats. 3rd Co, together with 1st and 2nd Co, proceeded to HATTEN where entire Bn attacked in the morning of 10 Jan 45. Co had support from unknown Engr unit which carried 3-4 flamethrowers. Losses at HATTEN heavy especially from our arty fire of 15 Jan 45. Strength of 3rd Co on morning 16 Jan 45 ca. 25 men. PW heard that Bn was to be relieved in afternoon of 16 Jan 45.

2/125 Pz Rcn Bn, 25 Pz Gr Div - PWs joined Bn at WILDFLECKEN near FULDA. On 26 Dec 44, moved to LANDAU where Bn de-trained. PWs noticed much military activity in LANDAU without being able to specify anything in particular. Unit was committed near BITCHE. On 7 Jan 45, Bn arrived in NIEDERROEDERN where initial CP was set up. 2nd Co CP was established in bunkers alongside road vic 224326. PW noticed CP of unidentified Engr unit of about Co strength vic 223315, in bunkers. (Note: These bunkers were previously occupied by American troops. The Germans enlarged them for their own purposes.) One Platoon located in FORSTFELD. PWs were signal men for the 2nd Co. On 16 Jan 45, they decided to desert. They left FORSTFELD on NIEDERROEDERN road, and turned westward at 22122985, walking toward 21422939 where they were fired on by US patrol. PWs promptly surrendered. PWs state that in all that area they didn't notice a single German outpost; claim that FORSTFELD is occupied by only one Plat of the 2nd Co and that area in square 2129 is not occupied except for occasional screening patrols which are made by Volkswagen units. Such a unit has about 2 - 3 Volkswagens. These cars advance into territory as far as possible without being observed by our troops, then men dismount and patrol further. 1-2 MGs, MP's and other automatic wps are usual armament. Road from NIEDERROEDERN to FORSTFELD is constantly patrolled by these Rcn units.

After intensive shelling of NIEDERROEDERN, Bn CP moved to vic 22623331 in bunkers.

125 Pz Rcn Bn has 3 Cos, 1st, 2nd and Veraorgungs Co (Supply Co); in addition, there is a Stabs Co. The 1st and 2nd Cos are Volkswagen Cos, having about 36 Volkswagens per Co. Each Co is divided into 4 Plats, with 3 Sqds per Plat. The 4th Plat is a heavy Plat with about 6 mortars which are carried on Rcn cars. Each Plat has ca. 5 MGs.

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PW states that area from NIEDERROEDERN to FORSTFELD is heavily shelled by our Arty. 2nd Co suffered 15 casualties from shellings and about 15 more from patrol work. Original strength of Co ca. 130 men.

PW noticed Arty fire coming from vic KESSELDORF possibly directed at HATTEN and also at KONIGSBRUCK (203293).

3/119 PGR, 25 Pz Gr Div - PWs with 3rd Co since 12 Dec 44 in BITCHE, came from Inf How Repl and Tng Co 22-OLDENBURG. Left BITCHE 26 Dec 44, arrived in HATTEN 10 Jan 45 at 1500 hr (Travelled in armored half tracks). PWs noticed that bodies of German dead were piled alongside houses. Germans were not able to bury their dead and in one sector of the street, PWs saw as many as 30 bodies. At 0700 on 12 Jan 45, Co, which was about 60 men strong, left for RITTERSHOFFEN on 8 armored half tracks. 6 SP guns and 6 Mark V tanks moved with Co. 3rd Co dismounted vic 163338, then occupied 1st 6 houses on left hand side of street vic 16123381. 3rd Co occupied sector from 16123381 to 16203380; 1st Co was on left and 2nd Co was on right of 3rd Co. Positions were occupied in 3 shifts, ca. 20 men on each shift. The Co positions consisted of about 15 foxholes. PWs were taken prisoner while on duty. An American unit of about 20 men approached foxhole where PWs were in and surprised them.

Wpns; 2 MGs per Sqd.

Strength: Co had 2 Plats, 30 men each. PWs did not know any strength of other Cos.

### 3. Personalities:

3/125 Regt	Co CO	Lt Moeller (Killed 14 Jan)
2/125 Pz Ren Bn	Bn CO	Capt Pickenhahn
	2nd Co CO	Capt Steffan

### 4. Miscellaneous:

a. PWs from 3rd Co stated that 3rd Co had just received new issue of heavy winter clothing and feltshoes. PWs from 2/125 Pz Ren Bn thought that their unit was supposed to be relieved by paratroopers. PWs from 2/125 Pz Gr Regt, claimed that paratroopers would relieve them in afternoon of 16 Jan 45 (they were captured in morning of 16 Jan).

b. Bewehrungseinheit der Waffen SS is a unit into which men are placed after serving terms in concentration camps. These men are supposed to prove themselves as good soldiers and if CO of unit sees fit, they are released to the SS Polizei Div. This unit is committed in the East.



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Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets - 6810; 6813; 6814; 6815;  
 6914; 6916; 7015; 7016; 7114; 7115; 7214.  
 G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets - XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 712611 This 4-gun heavy AA battery was previously reported at 715610.
- 2 727652 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 6813.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 119577 & 123573 Trenches.

Map Sheet 6814.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 230622 to 231632 Trench.
- 2 320635 Trench.
- 3 195577 Concrete shelter.
- 4 278568 to 285569 Trench.
- 5 294574 Trench system.

Map Sheet 6815.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 42506315 3-gun light FA battery.
- 2 35056515 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 420657 Pillbox.
- 2 368617 to 374615 Trench.
- 3 349624 to 356629 Trench.
- 4 361649 Two trenches.
- 5 335627 Trench.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 22675500 This previously reported 3-gun light battery now has 4 guns.
- 2 27845415 Three unoccupied emplacements near a shelter.

Map Sheet 6916.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 53355285, 53355280, 53335270, 53308261 - 4-gun RR AA battery with RGL in field nearby.
- 2 51554745 This formerly reported 6-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 3 53094982, 53084965, 53074950 - Three batteries of three AA/AG's.
- 4 53104972 This formerly reported battery now has four of its eight positions occupied.

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Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 431118 Trench.
- 2 432413 to 415412 Trench.

Map Sheet 7016.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 484433 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.
- 2 493436 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 438420 Trench.

Map Sheet 7114.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 299238 Pillbox.

Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 32542906 This previously reported battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 35772820 This previously reported 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 2 36402731 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.
- 3 35042885, 36682800 - Three AA/MCs at each point.

Map Sheet 7214.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 20391167 4-gun light field battery.
- 2 19981250 4-gun light field battery.
- 3 21111441 Probable 4-gun light field battery.
- 4 21241393 4-gun heavy DP battery.
- 5 21611330 6-gun light field battery.
- 6 22831329 4-gun light field battery.
- 7 22791345 4-gun light field battery.
- 8 23481584 4-gun light casemated battery.
- 9 27091889 4-gun light, possibly medium, field battery. Previously reported as 4 unoccupied light emplacements.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 21551400 3-gun light AA battery.
- 2 21621365 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 24591918 & 24541920 - Pillboxes.
- 2 24361600 Shelter.

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A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 19141114 4-gun light FA battery.



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No. 19.

MapS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1731).

b. Defensive Organization - See ANNEX "C" G-2 Periodic Report #18 (overlay Defensive Organization).

c. Units in contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey relatively quiet during the early morning at beginning of period. At dawn ey armored activity was reported in the vic of 179347 and ey tks were reported assembling in the vic 167347. Throughout the daylight hours of the period this armored activity increased with ey tks being reported at various points in G.S. 1634 and G.S. 1734. Ey AT guns were located at 16703476, 13763464, 18303412, 17883426, 158342, 159343, 161347. Ey resistance in RITTERSHOFFEN continued to be very stiff although direct fire had decreased somewhat during the afternoon. The ey no longer occupies the church in that town, but has a formidable position in a large brick building in the rear of the church which he defends with S/A and A/W fire. In HATTEN the ey continued to resist stubbornly. Throughout the day continuous arty and mortar fire fell in the town approx one round every two minutes. Harassing med cal arty fell between 0800A and 1000A. Ey in town remained generally quiet during the morning and afternoon. In the late afternoon and evening ey activity increased considerably with pressure reported from the E. A few snipers attempted to infiltrate our positions.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor - Ey armor was again active during the period. 8 ey tks were KO'd by our armor and supporting artillery. A report by one of our ground observers indicates that the white camouflage used on some ey tanks is quite effective. A Mk VI or V tank about 125 yds directly in front of our OP was picked up only by investigation of a dark circle which proved to be the muzzle of the tank gun. This tank was covered with white cloth, and was located on the forward slope of a snow covered hill.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty was less active in our rear areas for the period but increased somewhat on our front line troops in HATTEN. 88mm arty fell vic 180320 coming from direction of NIEDERODERN. Harassing arty fire fell in NIEDER-BEISCHDORF during the day. Ey arty btry located at 135457 was taken under fire by our arty. One round of HE fell every 15 minutes at 15533396. In HATTEN continuous arty and mortar fire fell throughout the day, approx one round every two minutes.

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Single med cal arty fell from 0800A to 1000A. During the afternoon 50 to 100 rounds high velocity arty fire fell in the town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey arty continued to fall throughout the period. OBERBETSCHDORF received approx 75 rounds 105 to 170mm arty fire between 1030A and 1200A. 6 rounds of rocket fire fell at 17253570 as of 1715A coming from an azimuth of 2400 g. Our AOz picked up rocket flashes coming from 21613480. OBERROEDERN and LEITERSWILLER received heavy shelling during the day.

(3) Infantry - MG nest vic of the church in RITTERSHOFFEN was destroyed and 7 ey killed. Ey strong point located at brick building in the rear of the church. Mortar fire in the town was slightly less intense for the period. Ey inf was observed at 165346 during the morning and was engaged by our arty. Ey 20mm flak gun was destroyed at 159343. In HATTEN ey was relatively quiet during the early part of the period, but activity increased somewhat in the evening. Approx four 120mm ey mortar were located in the E part of the town. By MG and personnel reported at 19003252 were fired on by our arty.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. OB - 10SS Pz Div - This Division, also known as Div 'FRUNDSBERG' (named for a famous German military leader in the XVI century) was formed in southwestern France in the winter of 1942-43. It was stationed in occupied France, but in the spring of 1944 it moved to southern Russia. It returned to the western front in July 1944 and fought in Normandy with heavy losses. After reorganization it was encountered in the Arnheim area in November, then remained in reserve for some time in Holland, but returned to Germany for refitting in the middle of December. It has now been out of contact since early in December. At one time it was thought to be part of the Sixth Panzer Army, but this was never definitely established. Its compositions is the following: 10SS Tk Regt, 21SS PGR, 22SS PGR, 10SS Pz Rcn Bn, 10SS Pz Engr Bn, 10SS AT Bn, 10SS Pz Arty Regt, 10SS Signal Bn, Services and possibly 10SS AA Bn and 10SS Assault Gun Bn. There is no reason to believe that the division is any weaker than the SS Pz Divs that were employed in the Kifel attack. The two PGR may each be estimated at 2000 combat effectives, and there may be 100 tks (Mk IV and Mk V) plus 28 Assault Guns in the Tk Regt. The personnel may to some extent be non-German.

b. Weather - 20 Jan 45 - Overcast with rain and snow showers in the morning and broken clouds in afternoon. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn, 5 - 6 by 1100A. Wind from West and NW 20 - 25 MPH, diminishing in afternoon. Min. temp. at dawn 25 degrees F.

21 Jan 45 - Clear sky at night with increasing low clouds during day. Visibility 6 miles at dawn and 10 miles in afternoon. Wind from W 12 MPH. Min. temp. 22 degrees F.

c. Total PWs during Period \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
 Total PWs to date \_\_\_\_\_ 1070

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 172400A to 182400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
a. New Identifications:		
NONE		
b. Old Identifications:		
NONE		
c. Miscellaneous:		
1	20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	evac thru med channels
Total during Period		1
Total to Date		1070



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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

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Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810; 6811; 6813.  
 G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 3 & 4.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 79495640 This single mobile gun has been removed.
- 2 78315698 This 4-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.
- 3 75066173 One position in this 2-gun medium FA battery appears unoccupied.
- 4 75006185 This 6-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 77005615 3-gun light AA battery.
- 2 78756108, 78606062, 78716049 3-gun light AA battery at each MR now unoccupied.
- 3 78726091 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 4 30455935 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 5 80146045, 80116010, 80006000 3-gun light AA battery at each MR now unoccupied.
- 6 80106034 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 7 80766229 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 8 77455740 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 9 77455938 This 4-gun heavy AA and 3-gun light batteries are now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 86936181 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 2 85356136 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 3 85396121, 85246115, 85056105 3-gun light AA battery at each MR.

Map Sheet 6813.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 09235765 Formerly reported 5-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 2 09705853 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 3 12205750 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 4 18655762 Formerly reported 4-gun light battery now unoccupied.
- 5 19055715 Formerly reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 08755817 to 09075793 Communication trench.
- 2 14455740 to 14855735 Communication trench.
- 3 15495707 to 15805706 Communication trench.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 3 & 4.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 11105430 - 10255387 - 10205430 Trench system through woods.
- 2 08505380 - 09055331 Trench in woods along edge of road.

B. OBSTACLES.

- 1 07065396 - 07155387 A/Tk ditch extended.
- 2 10705406 - 11005395 A/Tk ditch in woods.
- 3 09405345 & 09405327 Short A/Tk ditch at each point.
- 4 12705482 Short A/Tk ditch.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No 20.

MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000. Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) -- RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the "S" corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - See Annex "C".

c. Units in Contact - No new identification.

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2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - During hours of darkness in this period ey was relatively quiet with an increase in flare activity noted. Green, red, and white flares seen S of HATTEN. Daylight brought on the continuation of heavy fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. The ey launched two strong attacks against HATTEN at 0800A and 1210A. The attacks were supported by intense arty and mortar barrages, SA, AW, and tk fire; repulsed after bitter fighting with little loss of ground. After the attacks were repulsed HATTEN received only intermittent mortar, flat trajectory arty fire from ridge N of town, medium arty from direction of BUHL (R-1935) and sniping in E part of town. Ey continued very sensitive to advances in RITTERSHOFFEN, replied to our tank fire with intense high velocity gun fire from woods N of town. At close of period heavy vehicular traffic was reported on the BUHL--HATTEN road.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - At 0735A TF WAHL reported considerable armor on ridge N of HATTEN. Ey tk observed at R-165327 at 0830A. 2 ey tks and 3 half-tracks observed at R-168347 at 0910A. At 1030A 3 ey tks observed R-16713464 firing toward HATTEN. Ey tks reported firing into HATTEN from R-178343 at 1100A. At 1115A, 3 ey tks observed at R-16653450, fired in by our arty with a direct hit on one. At 1145A, CCB reported 1 Mk V or VI hit, left burning, second tk hit, near miss on third tk vic R-171347. 2 or 3 Mk VI reported at R-180341 at 1320A.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty not very active in Div sector except in HATTEN. Two ey attacks in HATTEN preceded by an intense flat trajectory arty barrage. Med arty fell from the NE throughout the afternoon in HATTEN. Several rounds of high trajectory light arty fire fell vic R-10593473 at 0930A. At 1340A, 20 rds of 105mm fire fell at R-17253570. HONWILLER (R-1236) received 15 rds of 105mm fire at 1530A. 3 rds of med arty fell vic HUELSCHLOCH (R-0735) at 2115A.

(3) Infantry - At 0800A ey launched a strong attack from NE, E, and SE by unestimated number of Inf supported by all types Inf weapons against our positions in HATTEN. Attack stopped at 0900A with no loss of ground. At 1210A ey attacked again supported by possibly 3 or 4 tks, made slight gains and was repulsed by 1530A. Since then HATTEN subjected to intermittent mortar and flat trajectory arty from ridge N of town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey resistance continues stiff. Ey moved out of church but retained strongpoint in adjacent building. At 1630A, 50-man ey patrol

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reported at R-202311. Ey activity reported around pillbox R-17943423 at 1450A, pillbox R-17873398 at 1045A, and pillbox R-18003437 at 1615A. Reported at 1910A that AT guns in the Southern tip of RITTERSHOFFEN continue to fire on our tks and armored vehicles in spite of heavy shelling by our arty and tks. At close of period ey was ominously quiet in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather - 21 Jan 45 - Clear in early morning, becoming scattered to broken low clouds after 0930A to haze and light fog, improving rapidly to 6-8 miles after 0930A. Wind from NW, 4-8 mph. Colder. Minimum temperature 25 degrees Fahrenheit.  
22 Jan 45 - High clouds in early morning with scattered low clouds after 1100A, becoming overcast after 2000A. No precipitation except light snow after 2200A. Visibility 1/2-1 mile, improving to 3-4 miles after 1100A. Wind from SW, 4-8 mph, increasing to 12-14 after 1600A. Colder. Minimum temperature 16 degrees Fahrenheit.

b. Total PWs during period - 2  
Total PWs to date - 1072  
(See Annex "A")

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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3 Incls:

Annex "A" - IPW Report.  
Annex "B" - PI Report.  
Annex "C" - Overlay - Defensive Organization.



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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 182400A to 192400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

<u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT AND PLACE</u>
<u>a. New Identifications:</u>		
N O N E		
<u>b. Old Identifications:</u>		
2	3/55 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div	19 AIB - HATTEN
Total PWs during period - 2		
Total PWs to date - 1072		

2. Unit:

3/35 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div - PWs joined 3rd Co on 26 Dec 44 in RHEINE, Westph. They were trained by Pz Gren Repl Bn 4 -- ISERLOHN, Westph. Went to vic PIRMASENS on 7 Jan 45, where they stayed for 2 days. 3rd Co occupied sector from 17413319 down to the RR and along the RR to 17703310. 2nd Co was on left of 3rd Co also along RR up to about 18403319. 3rd Co CP in cellar of house at 17803315. 1st Bn CP in bunker at 18383336. AT gun at 17903313. PW claimed that before mentioned AT gun knocked out about 3 tanks on 13 Jan 45 at 1030 hr during attack on RR station and apparently on southern approaches of HATTEN, and helped in knocking out about 10 tanks on 17 Jan 45 at 1100 hr. 1 American PW was taken during the 1st attack.

On 19 Jan 45 at 0200, PWs deserted from their lines, walked over to woods vic 178323 turned west and continued west until fired on from house at 16093237. They walked out of woods with raised hands and surrendered. PWs were amazed that woods were so sparsely held.

PWs only know of 3rd Co in 1st Bn. Co strength ca. 80 men. 3 Plats per Co, 3 Sqds per Plat. 1 MG per Sqd, 3 Pz FAUST per Sqd. Individual armament, rifle. Losses of Co light.

3. Personalities:

3rd Co, 35 Pz Gren Regt      CO 3rd Co      Oberlt Schwarz

4. Miscellaneous:

Arty fire on positions of 3rd Co was very heavy but PW claims that only 2 casualties were inflicted during 8 Days.

PWs usually eat in vic 177333, and when relieved they sleep in houses in that vic.



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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6812, 6813, 6814, 6815,  
 7014, 7015, 7114, 7115, 7214.  
 G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2,  
 XXXIX - 13 - 1&2,  
 XXXIX - 14 - 1&2,  
 XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

General Note:

Considerable activity is seen in the neighborhood of WINZENBACH (R-2637), KBERBACH (R-2436) and NIEDERROEDERN (R-2234). There are a number of both field and AA batteries, and some M.T. are seen, and the trackage in the area is very heavy.

South of KLINGENMUNSTER (R-2060), MORZHEIM (R-2463), STEINWEILER (R-2958) and ERLBACH (R-3357), many batteries, both FA and AA, have become unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6812:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 04156039
- 2 03456047

This 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.  
 This 2-gun light FA position now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6813:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 10556061
- 2 09606061

Previously reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.  
 Previously reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. OBSTACLES.

- 1 13976063 - 14206082 Trees felled across road.
- 2 14296097 - 14436118 Trees felled across road.

Map Sheet 6814:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 29615625
- 2 25756284

This formerly reported 3-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.  
 This 4-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 21105956
- 2 21245955 & 21525946
- 3 28276420
- 4 29505790

This 4-gun Heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.  
 These two 3-gun light AA batteries are now unoccupied.  
 4 positions of this 8-gun heavy AA battery is still believed occupied.  
 These four light AA gun positions at STEINWEILER are now unoccupied.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 21106150 - 21106110 Communication trench.
- 2 30406156 Small trench system.
- 3 31006190 Trench extended.



- A. FIELD BATTERIES. These 4-gun light FA batteries are now unoccupied.  
 1 33405661 & 35155565
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 32905670 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.  
 2 32805664 This 3-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- C. FIXED DEFENSES.  
 1 33505780 Small trench system under construction.  
 2 31606090 - 31506152 Trench system under construction.  
 3 31926120 - 31986141 Trench system.  
 4 36905727 Small trench system.

Map Sheet 701h:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 22453473 2-gun light FA battery.  
 2 23113500 4-gun light FA battery.  
 3 24133573 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.  
 4 23603645 3-gun light FA battery.  
 5 23593660 Probable 3-gun light FA battery.  
 6 26163447 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.  
 7 22863434 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.  
 8 28333563 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.  
 9 28453576 Delete formerly reported unoccupied gun emplacement.  
 10 21703455 2-gun light FA battery.  
 11 24553610 Possible 3-gun battery.  
 12 25783725 Possible single light FA gun.  
 13 24103653 2, possibly 3, light FA guns.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 26853504 & 26053463 Three, possibly 4-gun light AA battery at each M.R.  
 2 26953500 4-gun heavy AA battery where formerly was reported a  
 3 232348 2-gun SP battery.  
 4 22103420, 22103406 & 34203410 2 possible AA SP. These are light guns.  
 5 23053430 Probable 4-gun light AA battery at each M.R.  
 6 24353506 & 24003537 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.  
 7 23423585 & 24803639 Probable battery of nine 3/Ls, or possibly light AA  
 8 24653687 guns at each M.R.  
 9 25723744 Probable 10 light AA guns.  
 10 26813665 This previously reported 6-gun heavy AA battery is now  
 11 25853784 unoccupied.  
 12 27053653 3-gun light AA/SP battery.  
 13 26643606 3-gun light AA battery.  
 14 27163528 & 26953520 Probable 3-gun light AA battery.  
 3-gun AA/SP battery.  
 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
- C. MISCELLANEOUS.  
 1 23413416 Military activity; several vehicles and much trackage.  
 2 23153485 Nine MT at this location.  
 3 26883455 Six MT at this location. Considerable trackage here at  
 edge of woods.



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Map Sheet 7015:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 39394034 Probable unoccupied 3-gun light FA battery.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 33104124 Previously reported 4-gun heavy AA battery now appears to be a 6-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 7114:

- A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 26493315 This battery previously reported as four light FA guns is now believed to be four light AA.  
 2 21872925 Four unoccupied emplacements for SP guns.  
 3 26753260 Three 3-gun light AA batteries.  
 4 27603225 A 4-gun and 3-gun light AA battery.  
 5 24103065 Trackage and probable 3 or 4-gun light AA battery.  
 6 26452931, 26352919 & 26302910 Light AA gun at each M.R.
- B. FIXED DEFENSES.  
 1 29552312 Shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).  
 2 29292310 Trench and MG post.  
 3 29152350 - 29002337 Trench.  
 4 27722577 Pillbox. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).  
 5 29052350 Trench and MG post.  
 6 299237 Shelter.  
 7 299243 Shelter shown in purple is believed to be pillbox.

Map Sheet 7115:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 32382875 This previously reported 4-gun light FA battery appears to be unoccupied. The guns may have moved into the four casemates to the rear of the battery.
- B. FIXED DEFENSES.  
 1 32782829 - 33302835 Communication trench extended.  
 2 33602953 Pillbox.  
 3 36953073 Shelter or pillbox under construction.

Map Sheet 7214:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 21052178 Unoccupied 4-gun light FA battery.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 20001524 & 20041535 4-gun heavy AA battery at each M.R.
- C. FIXED DEFENSES.  
 1 20501785 - 21321910 Communication trench between pillboxed on Eastern bank of RHINE River.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 90935091 This 6-gun medium FA battery is now unoccupied.  
 2 90615045 3-gun medium battery.



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Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1&2:

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 16385025 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 14 - 1&2:

1 16423426 At this coordinate is seen considerable trackage of military vehicles. There are tracks of at least one tank connecting this point with the town of RITTERSHOFFEN, and there are also tracks connecting the town of HATTEN. it is possible that this part of the hill may be an enemy OP.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 1&2:

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 15821193, 15931178, 16151200, ) Three AA/MGs at each M.R.

2 13951335 & 13861335 )

2 13561300 & 13751245 These three light AA batteries are now occupied.

ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

Map Sheet 7114:

1 23602335

This bridge has been repaired and is now opened for two lane traffic.

REPORTS ON RHINE RIVER CROSSINGS

1 R-276271

2 R-32453704

Ferry in operation. Single lane approaches. 70' of ponton equipment tied up to East bank of RHINE.



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